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OBJECTIVE

Teach early elementary students (preference for grades PreK-3). Work with families, children and educators to create a safe and inviting climate of learning for all students that extends beyond the classroom into the community.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA **May 25, 2008**

Endorsement: Early Childhood Education **Minor:** Religion **Cumulative GPA:** 4.00

Honor: Wartburg College's 2008 *Outstanding Student in Education* **April 8, 2008**

- by reason of:
- ♦ Excellent grade point average ♦ Significant contributions to the Education profession
 - ♦ Significant contributions to Wartburg College ♦ Distinguished field experience evaluations
 - ♦ Distinguished student teaching evaluations and supervisor reports

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient Spanish Skills: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking

Education: Five years of high school Spanish instruction **2000-2004**

Experience: Differentiation of classroom instruction for non-English speaking student; and,
Interpretation at "Family Literacy Night," Irving Elementary School, Waterloo, IA **February-April 2008**
Daily communication with Latino families, Camp Lakeland, Brooklyn Park, MN **June-August 2007**
3 months immersion at Casa de Elizabet Orfanatorio, Imuris, Mexico **June-August 2006**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kindergarten (Student Teacher): St. Paul's Elementary School, Waverly, IA **January-February 2008**

- ♦ Instructed 22 students in all academic, social, and developmental areas
- ♦ Designed and implemented an across-the-curriculum thematic unit on circuses
- ♦ Formulated lessons to enhance social, language, reading, measurement and scientific reasoning skills by using creative, interactive visual aids and activities
- ♦ Planned and executed a Family Literacy Night, which included teacher-modeling, student presentations, child-family reading opportunities, and literacy-focused games for kindergarten students and families
- ♦ Wrote a grant proposal; received \$750.00 grant for Family Literacy Night
- ♦ Collaboratively participated in parent-teacher conferences with cooperating teacher
- ♦ Coordinated "Sixth-grade Friends" activities with sixth-grade teacher
- ♦ Utilized variety of behavior management strategies, including individualized behavior modification contract with positive reinforcement "sticker chart"

Second Grade (Student Teacher): Irving Elementary School, Waterloo, IA **March-April 2008**

- ♦ Instructed 25 students with diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds
- ♦ Differentiated lessons to actively include ELL students and students with special needs
- ♦ Incorporated cooperative learning opportunities into daily lessons
- ♦ Co-taught with other team members to an assembly of 76 second-grade students
- ♦ Pre-tested student knowledge of geometry and used data to plan three-week unit; assessed learning
- ♦ Adapted guided reading curriculum for student groups according to range of reading abilities
- ♦ Utilized district services for printing and supplemental resources
- ♦ Incorporated Power Point, internet and SMART board technology into lessons
- ♦ Initiated a positive reinforcement reward management system
- ♦ Documented concerns and reported a case of child-abuse to Department of Human Services
- ♦ Collaboratively participated in parent-teacher conferences with cooperating teacher
- ♦ Participated in "Irving Family Literacy Night" by
 - Leading guided reading simulation for parents
 - Interpreting materials and activities for Spanish-speaking families

Additional Field Experiences

Second Grade , Irving Elementary School, Waterloo, IA (50 hours)	September-December 2007
◆ Taught direct instruction lessons and formally assessed student learning	
Preschool , Sacred Heart Elementary School, Waterloo, IA (50 hours)	May 2007
◆ Student taught using developmentally appropriate curriculum across all subject areas	
Sixth Grade , Denver Middle School, Denver, IA (5 hours)	January-March 2007
◆ Tutored students with special needs (behavioral and academic)	
Sixth Grade , Irving Elementary School, Waverly, IA	September-December 2006
◆ Designed and implemented constructivist science lesson plans	
Kindergarten , Janesville Community School, Janesville, IA (30 hours)	September-December 2006
◆ Taught meaningful reading lessons using various resources and strategies	
Preschool , Waverly Childcare and Preschool, Waverly, IA	September-December 2006
◆ Collaborated with professor, peers and classroom teachers to create cross-cultural music and movement lessons for three- and four-year-olds	
Third Grade , Tripoli Community School, Tripoli, IA	January-April 2006
◆ Employed constructivist teaching and learning strategies to teach mathematics lessons	
Kindergarten , St. Patrick School, Cedar Falls, IA	January-April 2006
◆ Wrote and executed original literature-based lessons	
Kindergarten , Carey Elementary, Waverly, IA (25 hours)	January-April 2005
◆ Observed and reflected on veteran teacher's strategies and behaviors	
◆ Aided teacher by correcting papers, running copies, making bulletin boards, proctoring tests, and reading with children one-on-one	
Seventh/Eighth Grade , Waverly Shell-Rock Junior High School, Waverly, IA	September-December 2004
◆ Assisted lead teacher in academic and behavioral resource room	
◆ Tutored seventh and eight grade students in reading, history and math	

RELATED EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES

Presenter at UNI Beginning Reading Conference , Presented research and teaching ideas of implementing Family Literacy Programs in early-childhood classrooms to professional colleagues	April 11, 2008
Vice President of <i>Kappa Delta Pi</i> , Wartburg education honor society	2006-2008
Member of <i>WASE</i> (<i>Wartburg Association of Student Educators</i>)	2006-2008
Member of <i>Psalm 149</i> (liturgical dance group), experiences performing a variety of dances	2006-2008
Member of <i>Wartburg Players</i> (campus drama and theater organization), experiences as club secretary, actor, production assistant and costume producer, Wartburg College, IA	2004-2008
Day Camp Counselor , City of Brooklyn Park Parks and Recreation, Brooklyn Park, MN	June-August 2007
Overnight Camp Counselor , Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, Amery, WI	June-August 2005
Member of <i>St. Elizabeth's Chorale</i> (choral ensemble), Wartburg College, IA	
Nanny , Minneapolis family, two children: toddler and elementary student, Brooklyn Park, MN	October 2002-August 2004
Member of <i>Psalm 149</i> (liturgical dance group), experiences learning and performing a variety of dances	2006-2008

Volunteer Experiences

Service Trip to East St. Louis , experience as after-school tutor and care-taker, East St. Louis, IL	March 2007
Daycare Worker , caretaker in infant room, Waverly Child Care, Waverly, IA	September 2006-April 2007
Volunteer Services , Arkansas Baptist Children's Home, Monticello, AR	April 2005
Volunteer at AIDS Orphanage and Montessori Kindergarten , Morogoro, Tanzania, Africa	May 2006 and May 2008
Summer Missionary Teacher , Casa de Elizabet Orphanage, Imuris, Mexico	June-August 2006

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC HONORS

◆ Deans' List, 2004-2008 ◆ ◆ *Alpha Chi* membership, 2006-2008 ◆ ◆ *Phi Eta Sigma* membership, 2005-2008 ◆